

Gutierrez	Murphy, Tim	Waters
Hunter	Oberstar	Watson
Jindal	Paul	Weller
Levin	Ruppersberger	Wilson (NM)
Mack	Rush	Wilson (OH)
McCollum (MN)	Sessions	

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). Members are reminded there are 1½ minutes remaining on this vote.

□ 1700

Messrs. PALLONE, MELANCON, POE, REYES, DAVIS of Virginia, TIERNEY and PAYNE and Ms. BERKLEY changed their vote from "yea" to "nay."

So the motion to adjourn was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

Stated for:

Mr. TIM MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 1100, had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

Stated against:

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 1100, I was unable to vote due to medical reasons. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay."

Mr. POE. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 1100, had I been present, I would have voted "nay."

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 3074, TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2008

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Massachusetts has 1 minute remaining. The gentleman from Michigan has 18 minutes remaining.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Massachusetts.

Mr. OLVER. Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. KNOLLENBERG. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. OLVER. Mr. Speaker, at this time I would like to enter into the RECORD two more letters, which I have in hand now, one from The United States Conference of Mayors, the National Association of Counties, the National Associations of Local Housing Finance Agencies, the Association for County Community and Economic Development, and the National Community Development Association in support of the conference report on H.R. 3074. And also, the second letter from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce urging support of the conference report for H.R. 3074, signed by the executive director of the U.S. Chamber.

NOVEMBER 14, 2007.

Hon. JOHN W. OLVER,
Chair, Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing And Urban Development and Related Agencies, Committee on Appropriations, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN OLVER: The undersigned organizations of local elected and appointed officials urge passage of the conference report on H.R. 3074 that provides funding of transportation and housing programs at \$105.6 billion. Housing and community development is a major challenge. Local govern-

ment officials know that decent, safe, affordable housing is at the core of family stability and strong neighborhoods. Your bill will assist us in achieving affordable housing and community development goals.

H.R. 3074 provides funding for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program, Public Housing, Section 8, Homeless, and other housing and community development programs. As you know, more than 260 mayors signed a letter calling for increased funding for the CDBG program. HOME continues to be an effective affordable housing program having assisted the development and rehabilitation of nearly 900,000 affordable homes for very low and moderate-income families. These are just two examples of effective programs. Virtually every housing and community development program in your bill can be cited as having an exemplary record.

We urge the House to pass the conference report to the bill, H.R. 3074.

Sincerely,

The United States Conference of Mayors; National Association of Counties; National Associations of Local Housing Finance Agencies; National Association for County Community and Economic Development; and National Community Development Association.

NOVEMBER 13, 2007.

To: The Members of the U.S. House of Representatives:

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the world's largest business federation representing more than three million businesses and organizations of ever size, sector, and region, strongly urges you to support the conference report for H.R. 3074, the "Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2008." This bill provides the necessary funding to ensure that the U.S. transportation system is the safest and most efficient in the world.

The business community depends on a safe and reliable transportation system to remain competitive and efficient. The nation's transportation system is the foundation of the nation's economy. If the investments necessary to maintain this foundation are not made, the U.S. economy will suffer. The inadequate surface transportation system costs the economy \$63 billion annually in lost time and fuel.

H.R. 3074 addresses the enormous demands of the nation's transportation infrastructure system by providing funding for the highway and transit programs authorized by Safe, Accountable, Flexible and Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), which President Bush signed into law two years ago as well as funding for the Federal Aviation Administration to improve the safety, performance and capacity of the nation's aviation system.

While the Chamber strongly supports passage of H.R. 3074, it is important to note that the Chamber is disappointed that H.R. 3074 under-funds public transportation by \$81 million. These investments are vital to the safety of our system and the health of the nation's economy. It is imperative that commitments made under SAFETEA-LU be maintained as is required by law.

For these reasons, the Chamber urges you to support the conference report for H.R. 3074 and may consider using votes on, or in relation to, this issue in our annual How They Voted scorecard.

Sincerely,

R. BRUCE JOSTEN.

Ms. WATSON. Mr. Speaker, the conference report on H.R. 3074 provides critical funding for construction of new roads, repairs, and overall improvements to our Nation's infra-

structure. The legislation also provides needed funding for housing vouchers and new vouchers for veterans and disabled and low-income families.

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, when it comes to passing a funding bill that has a positive economic impact on our Nation, none is more important than the fiscal year appropriation for the Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development.

America's transportation system is being stretched beyond its capacity. Both public and private usage of highways, transit, and aviation systems are increasing at rates far outpacing infrastructure investment. A decaying surface transportation system costs the U.S. economy \$78 billion annually in lost time and fuel while congestion adds significant pollution to the air, and substandard roads claim thousands of lives every year.

By investing \$40 billion in the Nation's highway system for construction of new roads, repairs and improvements and \$1 billion to address deficient bridges across America, H.R. 3074 honors the commitments to capital investment in highway and public transportation infrastructure made by Congress in the Safe, Accountable, Flexible and Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) and will not increase the Federal budget deficit.

This bill also addresses many of our Nation's pressing housing needs, at a time when we are facing a housing crisis that has directly impacted millions of American homeowners and millions more as the effects have rippled through the U.S. and world economy. National estimates indicate that as many as 2.5 million mortgages will reset to higher interest rates in the near future.

The fiscal year 2008 appropriation for the Department of Housing and Urban Development also addresses the plight of homeless veterans. According to the National Coalition for Homeless Veterans, one out of every three homeless men who is sleeping in a doorway, alley or box in our cities and rural communities has put on a uniform and served this country. By providing \$75 million in housing vouchers to homeless veterans, we are beginning to address this problem by providing safe, affordable, permanent housing access to 7,500 of our homeless veterans.

Another housing program strongly supported by my constituents that this bill funds is the Section 8 Project Based Vouchers. If passed the conference report will allocate \$6.4 billion, \$405 million above 2007 and \$568 million above the President's request, to provide affordable housing to 1.3 million low- and very low-income families and individuals, two-thirds of whom are elderly or disabled.

When we pass this bill today and send it to the President, the House of Representatives will be addressing the important challenges of keeping our Nation's transportation system safe and strong, ensuring that every American has adequate shelter, and doing so in a way that strengthens the economy.

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this conference report for the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations for 2008.

The funding provided in the conference report helps enhance our national transportation system at a critical time. Our transportation system is extended beyond its capacity. Public

and private use of highways, transit, and aviation systems are growing far beyond the current level of investment.

I am particularly pleased the agreement provides funds for a number of important projects not just in my own district but throughout Colorado. Our State faces a number of transportation challenges as a result of rapid expansion in the northwest Denver suburbs and mountain and resort communities. Without the passage of this conference report, critical transportation and infrastructure needs for Colorado and the Nation will continue to be short-changed.

I am committed to continue working with the rest of the Colorado delegation, local communities, the Transportation Committee and the administration to secure essential Federal funding to get people and goods from one place to another with a focus on transit and other transportation alternatives, and improving current modes of Colorado's transportation network.

The report also includes a number of important provisions with national implications.

The United States and Colorado are facing a housing crisis that has caused dire impacts to millions of homeowners. Very often a home purchase represents the largest single investment that individuals and families will make in their lifetimes. Homeownership is a cornerstone of the American Dream, and Congress needs to treat it as a top priority. I am pleased the report provides additional funding for counseling assistance for at-risk homeowners. Funding in the bill will assist thousands of borrowers with mortgage changes and restructuring to help them keep their homes.

I am also pleased the report makes changes to inequities in the retirement age of U.S. pilots. Like the Senate bill, the report raises the mandatory retirement age for pilots to 65, with certain exceptions. I supported similar provisions that passed the House in the reauthorization of the Federal Aviation Administration. We must take urgent action to ensure that more competent pilots are not lost.

Mr. Speaker this legislation is far from perfect but by passing the conference report, Congress will maintain its commitment to a safe, efficient and competitive transportation system that will fuel job creation. I urge its passage today.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the previous question is ordered on the conference report.

There was no objection.

MOTION TO RECOMMIT OFFERED BY MR. LEWIS OF CALIFORNIA

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I have a motion to recommit at the desk.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is the gentleman opposed to the conference report?

Mr. LEWIS of California. In its present form, I am.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will report the motion to recommit.

The Clerk read as follows:

Mr. LEWIS of California moves to recommit the conference report on the bill, H.R. 3074, to the committee of conference.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the previous question is ordered on the motion to recommit.

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion to recommit.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the yeas appeared to have it.

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 9 of rule XX, the Chair will reduce to 5 minutes the minimum time for any electronic vote on the question of adoption of the conference report.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 182, nays 231, not voting 19, as follows:

[Roll No. 1101]

YEAS—182

Aderholt	Fossella	Myrick
Akin	Fox	Neugebauer
Alexander	Franks (AZ)	Nunes
Bachmann	Frelinghuysen	Pearce
Bachus	Gallely	Pence
Baker	Garrett (NJ)	Peterson (PA)
Barrett (SC)	Gerlach	Petri
Bartlett (MD)	Gilchrest	Pickering
Barton (TX)	Gingrey	Pitts
Biggert	Gohmert	Platts
Bilbray	Goode	Poe
Bilirakis	Goodlatte	Price (GA)
Bishop (UT)	Granger	Pryce (OH)
Blackburn	Graves	Putnam
Blunt	Hall (TX)	Radanovich
Boehner	Hastert	Ramstad
Bonner	Hastings (WA)	Regula
Boozman	Hayes	Rehberg
Boustany	Heller	Renzi
Brady (TX)	Hensarling	Reynolds
Brady (GA)	Herger	Rogers (AL)
Brown (SC)	Hobson	Rogers (KY)
Brown-Waite,	Hoekstra	Rogers (MI)
Ginny	Hulshof	Rohrabacher
Buchanan	Inglis (SC)	Ros-Lehtinen
Burgess	Issa	Roskam
Burton (IN)	Johnson (IL)	Royce
Buyer	Johnson, Sam	Ryan (WI)
Calvert	Jones (NC)	Sali
Camp (MI)	Jordan	Saxton
Campbell (CA)	King (IA)	Schmidt
Cannon	Kingston	Sensenbrenner
Cantor	Kirk	Shadegg
Capito	Kline (MN)	Shays
Carter	Kuhl (NY)	Shimkus
Castle	LaHood	Shuster
Chabot	Lamborn	Simpson
Coble	Latham	Smith (NE)
Cole (OK)	LaTourette	Smith (TX)
Conaway	Lewis (CA)	Souder
Crenshaw	Lewis (KY)	Stearns
Culberson	Linder	Sullivan
Davis (KY)	Lucas	Tancredo
Davis, David	Lungren, Daniel	Terry
Davis, Tom	E.	Thornberry
Deal (GA)	Manzullo	Tiahrt
Dent	Marchant	Tiberi
Diaz-Balart, L.	McCarthy (CA)	Turner
Diaz-Balart, M.	McCaul (TX)	Upton
Doolittle	McCotter	Walberg
Drake	McCrery	Walden (OR)
Dreier	McHenry	Wamp
Duncan	McKeon	Weldon (FL)
Ehlers	McMorris	Westmoreland
Emerson	Rodgers	Whitfield
English (PA)	Mica	Wicker
Everett	Miller (FL)	Wilson (NM)
Fallin	Miller (MI)	Wilson (SC)
Feeney	Miller, Gary	Wolf
Flake	Moran (KS)	Young (AK)
Forbes	Murphy, Tim	Young (FL)
Fortenberry	Musgrave	

NAYS—231

Abercrombie	Barrow	Boren
Ackerman	Bean	Boswell
Allen	Becerra	Boucher
Altmire	Berkley	Boyd (FL)
Andrews	Berman	Boyd (KS)
Arcuri	Berry	Brady (PA)
Baca	Bishop (GA)	Brady (IA)
Baird	Bishop (NY)	Brown, Corrine
Baldwin	Blumenauer	Butterfield

Capps	Israel	Porter
Capuano	Jackson (IL)	Price (NC)
Cardoza	Jefferson	Rahall
Carnahan	Johnson (GA)	Rangel
Carney	Johnson, E. B.	Reichert
Castor	Jones (OH)	Reyes
Chandler	Kagen	Richardson
Clarke	Kanjorski	Rodriguez
Clay	Kaptur	Ross
Cleaver	Kennedy	Rothman
Clyburn	Kildee	Roybal-Allard
Cohen	Kilpatrick	Rush
Conyers	Kind	Ryan (OH)
Cooper	King (NY)	Salazar
Costa	Klein (FL)	Sánchez, Linda
Costello	Knollenberg	T.
Courtney	Kucinich	Sanchez, Loretta
Cramer	Lampson	Sarbanes
Crowley	Lantos	Schakowsky
Cuellar	Larsen (WA)	Schiff
Cummings	Larson (CT)	Schwartz
Davis (AL)	Lee	Scott (GA)
Davis (CA)	Lewis (GA)	Scott (VA)
Davis (IL)	Lipinski	Serrano
Davis, Lincoln	LoBiondo	Sestak
DeFazio	Loebuck	Shea-Porter
DeGette	Lofgren, Zoe	Sherman
Delahunt	Lowey	Shuler
DeLauro	Lynch	Sires
Dicks	Mahoney (FL)	Skelton
Dingell	Maloney (NY)	Slaughter
Doggett	Markey	Smith (NJ)
Donnelly	Marshall	Smith (WA)
Edwards	Matheson	Snyder
Ellison	Matsui	Solis
Ellsworth	McCarthy (NY)	Space
Emanuel	McColum (MN)	Spratt
Engel	McDermott	Stark
Eshoo	McGovern	Stupak
Etheridge	McHugh	Sutton
Farr	McIntyre	Tanner
Fattah	McNerney	Tauscher
Ferguson	McNulty	Taylor
Filner	Meek (FL)	Thompson (CA)
Frank (MA)	Meeks (NY)	Thompson (MS)
Giffords	Melancon	Tierney
Gillibrand	Michaud	Towns
Gonzalez	Miller, George	Tsongas
Gordon	Mitchell	Udall (CO)
Green, Al	Mollohan	Udall (NM)
Green, Gene	Moore (KS)	Van Hollen
Grijalva	Moore (WI)	Velázquez
Hall (NY)	Moran (VA)	Visclosky
Hare	Murphy (CT)	Walsh (NY)
Harman	Murphy, Patrick	Walz (MN)
Hastings (FL)	Murtha	Wasserman
Herseth Sandlin	Nadler	Schultz
Higgins	Napolitano	Waters
Hill	Neal (MA)	Watt
Hinchey	Obey	Waxman
Hinojosa	Oliver	Weiner
Hirono	Ortiz	Welch (VT)
Hodes	Pallone	Wexler
Holden	Pascrell	Wilson (OH)
Holt	Pastor	Woolsey
Honda	Payne	Wu
Hooley	Perlmutter	Wynn
Hoyer	Peterson (MN)	Yarmuth
Inslee	Pomeroy	

NOT VOTING—19

Bono	Jackson-Lee	Miller (NC)
Carson	(TX)	Oberstar
Cubin	Jindal	Paul
Doyle	Keller	Ruppersberger
Gutierrez	Langevin	Sessions
Hunter	Levin	Watson
	Mack	Weller

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). Members are advised there are less than 2 minutes remaining on this vote.

□ 1718

So the motion to recommit was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

Stated against:

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 1101, I was unable to vote due to medical reasons. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay."

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, on the previous motion to recommit vote, in light of the new extraordinary and difficult and strenuous voting time, I was unavoidably delayed in an Iraq briefing. If I was present, I would have voted "nay" on the motion to recommit on the Transportation-HUD appropriations bill.

Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Speaker, during the previous vote on the motion to recommit, number 1101 on H.R. 3074, I was unavoidably detained and I missed that vote. I would like the record to show that I would have voted "nay."

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the conference report.

Pursuant to clause 10 of rule XX, the yeas and nays are ordered.

This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 270, nays 147, not voting 15, as follows:

[Roll No. 1102]

YEAS—270

Abercrombie	Donnelly	Knollenberg
Ackerman	Edwards	Kucinich
Aderholt	Ehlers	Kuhl (NY)
Allen	Ellison	LaHood
Altmire	Ellsworth	Lampson
Andrews	Emanuel	Langevin
Arcuri	Emerson	Lantos
Baca	Engel	Larsen (WA)
Baird	Eshoo	Larsen (CT)
Baker	Etheridge	LaTourette
Baldwin	Everett	Lee
Barrow	Farr	Lewis (GA)
Bean	Fattah	Lipinski
Becerra	Ferguson	LoBiondo
Berkley	Filner	Loeb
Berman	Fortenberry	Lofgren, Zoe
Berry	Frank (MA)	Lowe
Bishop (GA)	Gerlach	Lynch
Bishop (NY)	Giffords	Mahoney (FL)
Blumenauer	Gilchrest	Maloney (NY)
Boren	Gillibrand	Markey
Boswell	Gonzalez	Marshall
Boucher	Goode	Matheson
Boyd (FL)	Gordon	Matsui
Boyd (KS)	Graves	McCarthy (NY)
Brady (PA)	Green, Al	McCollum (MN)
Braley (IA)	Green, Gene	McDermott
Brown, Corrine	Grijalva	McGovern
Butterfield	Hall (NY)	McHugh
Camp (MI)	Hare	McIntyre
Capito	Harman	McNerney
Capps	Hastings (FL)	McNulty
Capuano	Hayes	Meek (FL)
Cardoza	Herseth Sandlin	Meeks (NY)
Carnahan	Higgins	Melancon
Carney	Hill	Michaud
Castle	Hinchee	Miller (MI)
Castor	Hinojosa	Miller (NC)
Chandler	Hirono	Miller, George
Clarke	Hodes	Mitchell
Clay	Holden	Mollohan
Cleaver	Holt	Moore (KS)
Clyburn	Honda	Moore (WI)
Cohen	Hooley	Moran (VA)
Conyers	Hoyer	Murphy (CT)
Cooper	Inslee	Murphy, Patrick
Costa	Israel	Murphy, Tim
Costello	Jackson (IL)	Murtha
Courtney	Jackson-Lee	Nadler
Cramer	(TX)	Napolitano
Crowley	Jefferson	Neal (MA)
Cuellar	Johnson (GA)	Obey
Cummings	Johnson (IL)	Olver
Davis (AL)	Johnson, E. B.	Ortiz
Davis (CA)	Jones (NC)	Pallone
Davis (IL)	Jones (OH)	Pascarelli
Davis, Lincoln	Kagen	Pastor
Davis, Tom	Kanjorski	Payne
DeFazio	Kaptur	Perlmuter
DeGette	Kennedy	Peterson (MN)
Delahunt	Kildee	Petri
DeLauro	Kilpatrick	Pomeroy
Dent	Kind	Porter
Dicks	King (NY)	Price (NC)
Dingell	Kirk	Rahall
Doggett	Klein (FL)	Ramstad

Rangel	Shays
Regula	Shea-Porter
Reichert	Sherman
Renzi	Shuler
Reyes	Shuster
Richardson	Sires
Rodriguez	Skelton
Rogers (AL)	Slaughter
Ross	Smith (NE)
Rothman	Smith (NJ)
Roybal-Allard	Smith (WA)
Rush	Snyder
Ryan (OH)	Solis
Salazar	Space
Sanchez, Linda	Spratt
T.	Stark
Sanchez, Loretta	Stupak
Sarbanes	Sutton
Schakowsky	Tanner
Schiff	Tauscher
Schwartz	Taylor
Scott (GA)	Thompson (CA)
Scott (VA)	Thompson (MS)
Serrano	Tierney
Sestak	Towns

NAYS—147

Akin	Fossella	Musgrave
Alexander	Fox	Myrick
Bachmann	Franks (AZ)	Neugebauer
Bachus	Frelinghuysen	Nunes
Barrett (SC)	Gallegly	Pearce
Bartlett (MD)	Garrett (NJ)	Pence
Barton (TX)	Gingrey	Peterson (PA)
Biggart	Gohmert	Pickering
Bilbray	Goodlatte	Pitts
Bilirakis	Granger	Platts
Blackburn	Hall (TX)	Poe
Blunt	Hastert	Price (GA)
Boehner	Hastings (WA)	Pryce (OH)
Bonner	Heller	Putnam
Boozman	Hensarling	Radanovich
Boustany	Herger	Rehberg
Brady (TX)	Hobson	Reynolds
Broun (GA)	Hoekstra	Rogers (KY)
Brown (SC)	Hulshof	Rogers (MI)
Brown-Waite,	Hunter	Rohrabacher
Ginny	Inglis (SC)	Ros-Lehtinen
Buchanan	Issa	Roskam
Burgess	Johnson, Sam	Royce
Burton (IN)	Jordan	Ryan (WI)
Buyer	Keller	Sali
Calvert	King (IA)	Saxton
Campbell (CA)	Kingston	Schmidt
Cannon	Kline (MN)	Sensenbrenner
Cantor	Lamborn	Shadegg
Carter	Latham	Shimkus
Chabot	Lewis (CA)	Simpson
Coble	Lewis (KY)	Smith (TX)
Cole (OK)	Linder	Souder
Conaway	Lucas	Stearns
Crenshaw	Lungren, Daniel	Sullivan
Culberson	E.	Tancredo
Davis (KY)	Manzullo	Terry
Davis, David	Marchant	Thornberry
Deal (GA)	McCarthy (CA)	Tiahrt
Diaz-Balart, L.	McCaul (TX)	Tiberi
Diaz-Balart, M.	McCotter	Walberg
Doolittle	McCrery	Walden (OR)
Drake	McHenry	Wamp
Dreier	McKeon	Weldon (FL)
Duncan	McMorris	Westmoreland
English (PA)	Rodgers	Whitfield
Fallin	Mica	Wicker
Feeney	Miller (FL)	Wilson (NM)
Flake	Miller, Gary	Wilson (SC)
Forbes	Moran (KS)	Young (FL)

NOT VOTING—15

Bishop (UT)	Gutierrez	Paul
Bono	Jindal	Ruppersberger
Carson	Levin	Sessions
Cubin	Mack	Watson
Doyle	Oberstar	Weller

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The Speaker pro tempore (during the vote). Members are advised they now have less than 2 minutes remaining in which to cast their vote.

□ 1725

Mr. TURNER changed his vote from "nay" to "yea."

So the conference report was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 1102, I was unable to vote due to medical reasons. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

Ms. WATSON. Mr. Speaker, this afternoon I was unavoidably detained and could not cast my vote for H.R. 3074, on agreeing to the Conference Report for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing, and Urban Development and Related Agencies Appropriations for FY 2008.

Had I been able to cast my vote, I would have voted "yea" for H.R. 3074.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Ms. Curtis, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has agreed to without amendment a concurrent resolution of the House of the following title:

H. Con. Res. 258. Concurrent resolution directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to correct the enrollment of H.R. 1429.

The message also announced that the Senate agrees to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1429) "An Act to reauthorize the Head Start Act, to improve program quality, to expand access, and for other purposes."

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 4156, ORDERLY AND RESPONSIBLE IRAQ REDEPLOYMENT APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2008

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up H. Res. 818 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 818

Resolved, That upon the adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider in the House the bill (H.R. 4156) making emergency supplemental appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI. The bill shall be considered as read. All points of order against provisions of the bill are waived. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill to final passage without intervening motion except: (1) two hours of debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations; and (2) one motion to recommit.

SEC. 2. During consideration of H.R. 4156 pursuant to this resolution, notwithstanding the operation of the previous question, the Chair may postpone further consideration of the bill to such time as may be designated by the Speaker.

□ 1730

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. TIERNEY). The gentleman from Massachusetts is recognized for 1 hour.